

REMARKS

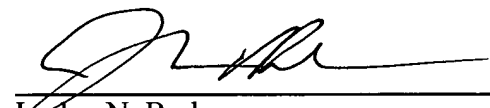
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-10, 12-14, 18, 22, and 24-26 are now pending. To expedite allowance, this Amendment cancels all remaining rejected claims (claims 16, 17, 19, 20, and 23). Only allowed claims remain, and so it is believed that this case is presently in condition for allowance. Applicants intend to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuing application. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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